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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLOSING VASCULAR PUNCTURE USING HEMOSTATIC MATERIAL; the specification of which was filed on August 1, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/921,158.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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